

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
NOVEMBER 10, 2014 – 7:30 PM
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Brickner at 7:37 p.m.

Council Members Present: Brickner, Bridges, Bruce, Knol, Lerner, Massey and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Smith, Directors Gardiner and Lasley and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

William Holcomb, Purple Heart Recipient, led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Massey, support by Bruce, to approve the agenda as amended, with the addition of 7a, Selection of Mayor Pro-Tem.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2014 AS “MOVEMBER” MEN’S HEALTH AWARENESS MOVEMENT

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Lerner and accepted by Mayor Barry Brickner:

**PROCLAMATION
“Movember” Men’s Health Awareness Movement
November 2014**

WHEREAS, each year during the month of November, men across the globe are encouraged to band together and grow mustaches to promote and raise awareness of men’s health issues; and

WHEREAS, the mustaches in November (or “Movember”) campaign has spawned a global health movement and raised thousands of dollars to support prostate and testicular cancer research and to fund men’s mental health initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Movember Men’s Health Awareness Movement has caught on throughout the world, as newly-grown mustaches prompt conversations and therefore create greater awareness and understanding of the health risks men face and also prompt men to take action to stay well; and

WHEREAS, throughout the community, many representatives from Farmington Public Schools and City of Farmington Hills staff members, including fire fighters and police officers, have abandoned shaving for the month of November to join the Movember Men’s Health Awareness cause.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Barry Brickner, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize the **November Men's Health Awareness Movement** and urge all men to become aware of their risks for prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health issues, and to undertake regular screenings for early detection, talk to their health care providers about treatment options if diagnosed, and to support other men in becoming more aware of the need to take care of their health.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 29, 2014 AS "SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY"

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Knol and accepted by Mayor Barry Brickner:

**PROCLAMATION
Small Business Saturday
November 29, 2014**

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills celebrates small businesses and the critical contribution they make to our community, the local economy, and the overall economic health of the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration, currently there are almost 28 million small businesses in our country, representing more than 99% of American companies, creating two-thirds of new jobs, and generating almost half of private gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ over half of the workers in the private sector in the United States and contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, consumers in the U.S. are strongly encouraged to support the "buy local" movement to help create jobs, boost the local economy, and benefit our neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Barry Brickner, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim November 29, 2014 as **Small Business Saturday** and urge all residents to support small businesses and merchants annually on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and also throughout the year.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FARMINGTON HILLS AS A "PURPLE HEART CITY" HONORING LOCAL VETERANS AND MILITARY HEROES

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Bridges and accepted by Purple Heart Recipient, William Holcomb:

PROCLAMATION
Farmington Hills – A Purple Heart City
Honoring Our Local Veterans and Military Heroes

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills strongly supports its military population and has the utmost gratitude and respect for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart medal is awarded to members of the Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills values the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms and seeks to recognize and honor them for their courage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Barry Brickner, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the City of Farmington Hills as a **Purple Heart City** to show Purple Heart recipients the honor and support which they have earned and to thank them for their vital contributions to the freedom and way of life enjoyed by our citizens.

Veteran William Holcomb, Purple Heart Recipient, gave a speech outlining his career in the military. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for allowing him to speak this evening.

Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Holcomb for his military service.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 2014 MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT CHELSEA CARTER

The following proclamation was ready by Councilmember Steckloff and accepted by Chelsea Carter:

PROCLAMATION
Chelsea Carter
2014 Michigan Municipal League Foundation Scholarship Recipient

WHEREAS, Chelsea Carter was awarded the Foundation Scholarship from the Michigan Municipal League (MML), which was created to cover expenses for young people who are selected to attend the NLC (National League of Cities) Congress of Cities Conference under the auspices of the Institute for Youth, Education and Families; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Carter was selected from a group of applicants based upon her winning entry in the Annual Essay Contest and will attend the NLC Congress of Cities Conference on Nov. 19 – 22 in Austin, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Carter showed an interest in local government and public service and has a distinguished record of involvement in a number of clubs, teams, and volunteer groups at North Farmington High School, where she is in her senior year; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Carter has participated in the NFHS Student Senate, the Mayor's Youth Council, the National Honor Society, the NAACP Youth Council, the Girl Scouts, the Spanish Club, and many other organizations while also working at a part-time job; and

WHEREAS, Chelsea Carter is regarded as a hard worker, a leader, and a role model who truly cares about making the world a better place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Barry Brickner, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize **2014 MML Foundation Scholarship Recipient Chelsea Carter** for her determination, civic involvement, and commitment to our community and wish her all the best on her trip to the NLC Congress of Cities Conference and in her bright future as she goes on to further her education and pursue her dreams.

Chelsea Carter stated that she is a senior at North Farmington High School. She thanked the Michigan Municipal League for the scholarship and Mayor and City Council for this proclamation and support.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION "TIP OF THE MONTH"

The following Tip of the Month was ready by Councilmember Massey:

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
TIP OF THE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2014**

The Emergency Preparedness Commission reminds everyone to prepare for the winter months ahead.

Familiarize yourself with winter weather terminology and know what to do when an Advisory, Watch, or Warning is issued.

At home:

- Make sure your home preparedness kit is current.
- Purchase rock salt or other snow removal materials.
- Prepare your home for winter including checking the chimney for cleanliness, and installing any storm windows or covering windows with plastic.
- Make sure smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.
- Winterize pet shelters with doors, plastic sheeting, and extra ground cover such as straw and blankets. Change the ground cover regularly. Provide extra food, and make sure drinking water doesn't freeze. *Most animal deaths in wintertime result from dehydration.*

Outside:

- Review the warning signs and first aid treatments for frostbite and hypothermia, as described in your first aid manual.
- The Farmington Hills Senior Division matches senior residents with volunteers who will help them clear snow off sidewalks, porches and driveways in the winter. To volunteer or request help, please call 248-473-1895.

For your automobile:

- Ensure your automobile is prepared for winter driving, including proper maintenance and your auto Winter Survival Kit.
- Know winter driving related safety tips, such as how to steer out of a skid.

The EPC wishes everyone a safe winter season. For more information regarding the Emergency Preparedness Commission, or to receive a free copy of the Farmington Hills Preparedness Handbook, visit the website at www.fhready.org. Stay warm, stay safe!!

PRESENTATION OF THE MARVIN KLANG AWARD BY KERI ALBRIGHT, PURCHASING ANALYST FOR ROCHESTER HILLS TO KELLY MONICO, SENIOR BUYER

Keri Albright, Rochester Hills Purchasing Analyst, stated that she is proud to be awarding the Marvin Klang Award to Farmington Hills Senior Buyer, Kelly Monico. She explained that the Marvin Klang Award is the highest honor and was named after the long time Purchasing Director of the City of Detroit who for more than 30 years held the highest regard for the ideals for which MPPOA stands for, including respect for public trust, a strong commitment to ethics, and encouragement of the Public Purchasing profession. This year the Marvin Klang Award is being presented to Mrs. Kelly Monico, who also holds the same ideals. Ms. Albright stated that the one word that comes to mind when she thinks of Kelly is leadership because she has demonstrated an extraordinary ability to initiate, nurture and drive projects to completion. Mr. Albright spoke of Mrs. Monico's many accomplishments and presented her with the Marvin Klang Award.

Kelly Monico stated that she is very honored to receive this award from the MPPOA and thanked City Council, City Manager Brock, and Mike Lasley for always being support of her and their purchasing efforts, particularly cooperative purchasing.

Mayor Brickner thanked Kelly Monico for all of her work.

Mayor Brickner acknowledged County Commissioner, Marcia Gershenson, and asked if she would like to provide an update from the County.

County Commissioner Gershenson provided the following update:

- Oakland County Board of Commissioners is hosting a Human Trafficking seminar on Thursday, November 13th from 6:30pm -9pm.
- The deadline to apply for assistance for anyone who had damage from the floods this past August is November 24, 2014.
- Flu shots are available through Oakland County
- Comments regarding the City's Corridor Improvement Authority TIF Plan and the County's decision to opt-out of the plan. She explained that opting out was procedural in order to allow the County the ability to negotiate the plan.

SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor Pro-Tem Bruce stated that it is his honor to nominate Ken Massey for Mayor Pro-Tem for 2015. He commented on Dr. Massey's many accomplishments and boards and commissions on which he has served.

Councilmember Lerner supported the nomination and also mentioned some of his accomplishments, including serving as President of the Botsford Hospital Board. He stated that Dr. Massey has been an asset to the Council and this City and he is honored to support the nomination.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, to close nomination and support Ken Massey as the next Mayor Pro-Tem.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

Councilmember Lerner mentioned that American Legion Post 346 is hosting a Veterans Day Ceremony from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at the American Legion Hall on Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Brickner commented that the minutes of October 27, 2014 reflected that Councilmember Ken Massey was appointed as Delegate to the National League of Cities Annual meeting and City Manager Steve Brock as the alternate Delegate. He stated that he is actually going to serve as the Alternate Delegate and inquired how this motion could be corrected.

City Attorney Joppich suggested that Council could make a motion to reconsider that item and then take action on the issue.

MOTION by Massey, support by Lerner, , that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby reconsiders the appointment of alternate voting delegate for the National League of Cities Annual Meeting on November 22, 2014.

AND FURTHER RESOLVE, that the City Council hereby confirms the appointment of Ken Massey as voting delegate and approves the appointment of Mayor Barry Brickner as alternate voting delegate.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

City Clerk Smith clarified that the minutes of October 27, 2014 would remain as is and the revised motion would be reflected in the set of minutes for this evening's meeting of November 10, 2014.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, to approve the Consent Agenda as published.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas:	BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, AND STECKLOFF
Nays:	NONE
Absent:	NONE
Abstentions:	NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

- Welcome Barbara Hatch School of Dance to the City
- Freidman Real Estate Group purchased most of the buildings known as the Arboretum and is currently renovating the property
- Tomorrow is Veteran's Day so please take time to thank a veteran for their service to our country

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Brock provided the following update:

- Thank you to all the voters in Farmington Hills for supporting the Road Millage.
- Tomorrow is Veteran's Day. He acknowledged John Anhut in the audience who is a World War II Veteran and is still very active in the community.
- The Water Tower is operating well and is saving money the way it was anticipated. The cost savings to water customers is estimated at \$3.5 million each year.
- Rebuilding Together held a bowling fundraiser last Friday evening, raising approximately \$400 for the program.
- Yard waste material pick-up ends the weekend of Thanksgiving. The City is considering starting the yard waste schedule one week later next year so that the yard waste will end a week later.
- Update was given on the current construction along 14 Mile Road. It was noted that next year there will be more construction in the same area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AN ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS," BY ADDING ARTICLE VIII, "SINGLE-FAMILY RENTAL DWELLINGS."

Director Gardiner explained that City Council Introduced an Ordinance at their last meeting requiring registration and inspections for single-family rental dwellings. At that time, City Council made a few minor revisions to the wording that has been incorporated into the ordinance this evening for City Council's consideration.

Mayor Brickner inquired about the fee schedule that is required as part of the ordinance. Director Gardiner explained that the ordinance, if enacted this evening, would not become effective for a period of 21 days. He intends to bring the fee schedule before City Council at their next regular meeting of November 24, 2014 for consideration so that will be in place prior to any required registrations or inspections.

Mayor Brickner suggested a rotating inspection cycle to make it easier on staff. Director Gardiner stated that he will be meeting with the City Attorney and City Manager to discuss further how the inspections could best be handled by staff.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-7-2014 amending City Code Chapter 7, "Buildings and Building Regulations," by adding Article VIII, "Single-Family Rental Dwellings," and the summary for publication

Councilmember Massey commented that he attended a subdivision homeowners association at which he provided an update of various items, including this ordinance; and the association was very pleased to hear that this ordinance was being considered.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: BRICKNER
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-1

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AN ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, "ANIMALS," ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 6-31 AND 6-34, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "REASONABLE CONTROL" OF A DOG AND DELETE THE DEFINITION OF "UNDER THE ORAL CONTROL," AND TO ESTABLISH AN EXCEPTION TO LEASH REQUIREMENT IN A PUBLICLY OWNED AND OPERATED DOG PARK

MOTION by Bruce, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-8-2014 amending City Code Chapter 6, "Animals," Article II, Sections 6-31 and 6-34, to amend the definition of "Reasonable Control" of a dog and delete the definition of "Under the Oral Control," and to establish an exception to leash requirements in a publicly owned and operated dog park; and the summary for publication.

Councilmember Lerner commented that he still believes that both the rental inspection issue and this revision to the animal ordinance are enforcement issues that could be addressed under current ordinances. He commented that if people do not report an incident and the city does not enforce it, the city is no further along that it was before even with the new ordinances in place. Councilmember Bridges concurred.

City Manager Brock stated that the City is enforcing its ordinances and addressing all complaints received so if Council has any concerns in that regard, he would like to be made aware of that.

Councilmember Bridges clarified that he does not feel the ordinances are necessary or that they provide for any further protection than what is already provided under current ordinances.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR CARBIDE SNOW PLOW BLADES TO VALK MANUFACTURING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,800.00. CMR 11-14-105.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Valk Manufacturing for Carbide Snow Plow Blades in the amount of \$20,800.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, AND
STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR THIRD PARTY OEM AUTO PARTS TO ROWERDINK INC. FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 11-14-106.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve all budgeted purchases for Third Party OEM Auto Parts to Rowerdink, Inc. for a period of three (3) years and to renew for an additional three (3) year period under the same terms and conditions upon mutual consent by the City and said vendor.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, AND
STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR A REPLACEMENT MOTOR GRADER TO AIS CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$202,872.00. CMR 11-14-107.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve a purchase order with AIS Construction of New Hudson, Michigan, in the amount of \$202,872, which reflects the trade-in of vehicle #257 for \$34,000 and for the purchase of a 2014 John Deere 670-G Motor Grader.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, AND
STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2014

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Study Session Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, AND
STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 27, 2014**

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Regular Meeting minutes of October 27, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, AND
STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

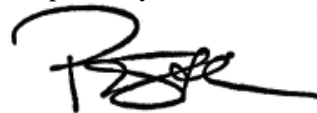
TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Brickner mentioned potential topics for the next regular City Council meeting of November 10, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brickner adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk